

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



October 16, 1998

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 98-81

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS  
ALL GROUP HOME PROVIDERS  
ALL FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES

**REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL**

- ☐ State Law Changes
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order or Settlement Agreement
- ☐ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☒ Initiated by CDSS

**SUBJECT: CHILDREN PLACED IN FOSTER CARE – VISITATION REQUIREMENTS****REFERENCE: SENATE BILL (SB) 933, CHAPTER 311, STATUTES OF 1998**

The purpose of this All County Letter is to provide additional information concerning the impact of SB 933 on the requirements for visitation of children in foster care both in state and out-of-state by social workers and probation officers. This statute is effective as of August 18, 1998.

The bill states that all foster children placed in group homes by county welfare departments or county probation departments shall be visited at least monthly by a county social worker or probation officer. The state shall pay 100 percent of the non-federal costs associated with the monthly visitation requirement in excess of the minimum visits required under current regulations, Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP), Section 31-320.

Changes will be made to Division 31 regulations to reflect changes made in statute. These regulations shall be promulgated as emergency regulations to be effective when issued. The regulations outlines in MPP Section 31-320 that allow for an exemption from the monthly visits for children in group homes are suspended effective August 18, 1998, and will be amended in the emergency regulations. County Fiscal Letter 98/99-18 dated September 25, 1998 instructs counties on how to capture/report staff time spent completing the monthly visits.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact your Foster Care Policy Consultant at (916) 445-0813.

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By  
Marjorie Kelly on 10/16/98***

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